

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1639

Introduced by Assembly Member Sharon Runner

February 22, 2005

An act relating to hospital buildings.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1639, as introduced, Sharon Runner. Hospital buildings: seismic safety: alternate construction details.

The existing Alfred E. Alquist Hospital Facilities Seismic Safety Act of 1983 requires design and construction standards for hospital buildings that house patients who have less than the capacity of normally healthy persons to protect themselves, and that must be reasonably capable of providing services to the public after a disaster. The act requires the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development to approve or reject all plans for the construction or alteration of a hospital building. After January 1, 2008, the act requires any general acute care hospital building that is determined to be a potential risk of collapse or pose significant loss of life to be used only for nonacute care hospital purposes. The act authorizes the office to grant a delay in that deadline under certain circumstances.

This bill would state the Legislature's intent to enact legislation that would require the office to prepare engineering judgments for alternate construction details for hospital buildings that are subject to the requirements of the act.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature intends to enact legislation in
2 subsequent amendments that would require the Office of
3 Statewide Health Planning and Development to prepare
4 engineering judgments for alternate construction details for
5 hospital buildings that are subject to the requirements of the
6 Alfred E. Alquist Hospital Facilities Seismic Safety Act of 1983
7 (Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 129675) of Part 7 of
8 Division 107 of the Health and Safety Code).

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